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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2006 for three (3) months from September 8, 2006 to December 8, 2006. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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